

**Amendment to Claims**

1 1. (Presently Amended). A device for deterring pets from scratching fabric of home

2 furnishings comprising:

3 a generally planar transfer sheet made of a first material;

4 a plurality of rectangular ~~transparent~~ strips, each of ~~said~~ the strips having a length  
5 substantially greater than its width, ~~said~~ the strips being arranged side-by-side on ~~said~~ the  
6 transfer sheet, each of ~~said~~ the strips having first and second adhesive surfaces on opposite sides,  
7 each of ~~said~~ the strips being releasably adhered to ~~said~~ the transfer sheet on ~~said~~ the first  
8 adhesive surface;

9 a plurality of release layers, each of the release layers made of a second material different  
10 than the first material, each of ~~said~~ the release layers being completely bisected along an axis

11 parallel to the length of the strip and each of the release layers having a length and width  
12 substantially the same as the length and width of one of said each of the strips, each of ~~said~~ the  
13 release layers releasably adhered on ~~said~~ the second adhesive surface ~~one of said~~ the strips;

14 wherein ~~said~~ the ~~transparent~~ strips are adapted to be removed from ~~said~~ the transfer sheet  
15 and releasably adhered to ~~said~~ the home furnishing on ~~said~~ the first adhesive surface, and ~~said~~ the  
16 release layers are adapted to be removed from ~~said~~ the second adhesive surface revealing ~~said~~ the  
17 second adhesive surface, ~~and wherein~~

18 ~~said first and second adhesive surfaces are formulated from a water soluble adhesive to~~  
19 ~~prevent damage to fabric of home furnishings.~~

1 2. (Presently Amended). The device of claim 1 wherein said strips are uniformly spaced

2 apart from one another by gaps on ~~said~~ the transfer sheet that are parallel to the length of the

3 strips and are of sufficient width to allow removal of the strips without bending of the transfer  
4 sheet to facilitate removal of said the strips from said the transfer sheet.

1 3. (Presently Amended). The device of claim 1 wherein said the strips are separated by a  
2 side margin indicator of a different character than the bisected release layers have substantially  
3 the same widths as each other and substantially the same lengths as each other.

1 4. (Presently Amended). The device of claim 1 wherein the device further includes a cut in  
2 each of said release layers extending along said lengths of said release layers, which splits said  
3 release layers lengthwise to facilitate removal of said release layers from said strips the transfer  
4 sheet is rigid.

1 5. (Canceled).

1 6. (Canceled).

1 7. (Presently Amended). A device for deterring pets from clawing an object comprising:  
2 a transfer sheet;  
3 a strip having a first adhesive surface and a second adhesive surface, the strip releasably  
4 adhered to the transfer sheet on the first adhesive surface; and,  
5 a release layer having substantially less rigidity than the transfer sheet adhered on the  
6 second adhesive surface, wherein the release layer includes a cut which divides the release layer  
7 into at least two portions, allowing removal of ~~one~~ the portions without bending the transfer  
8 sheet at a time.

1 8. (Presently Amended). The device of claim 7 wherein the transfer sheet comprises a  
2 plurality of strips uniformly spaced apart from one another by gaps with widths greater than  
3 about 10% of the width of each of the strips.

1 9. (Original). The device of claim 7 comprising a plurality of strips arranged side by side  
2 on the transfer sheet.

1 10. (Original). The device of claim 7 wherein the first adhesive surface and the second  
2 adhesive surface are formulated from a water soluble adhesive.

1 11. (Original). The device of claim 7 wherein the cut splits the release layer lengthwise.

1 12. (Original). The device of claim 7 wherein the cut splits the release layer crosswise.

1 13. (Original). The device of claim 7 wherein the strip is transparent.

1 14. (Original). The device of claim 13 wherein the strip is substantially the same length as  
2 the transfer sheet.

1 15. (Presently Amended). The device of claim ~~13~~7 wherein the strip is of substantially less  
2 width than ~~the same width as the~~ transfer sheet.

1 16. (Canceled).

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1 40. (Canceled).

1 41. (Canceled).

1 42. (Presently Amended). A device for deterring pets from contacting soil comprising:  
2 a substantially rigid corrugated substrate;  
3 a strip having a first adhesive surface and a second adhesive surface, the strip releasably  
4 adhered to the corrugated substrate on the first adhesive surface; and,  
5 a release layer adhered on the second adhesive surface.

1 43. (Original). The device of claim 42 wherein the substrate is plastic.

1 44. (Original). The device of claim 42 wherein the substrate is colored.

1 45. (Original). The device of claim 42 wherein the release layer further comprises two  
2 separately removable portions.

1 46. (New). The device of claim 1 wherein the length of the rectangular strip is about the  
2 same size as the height of an average domestic house cat.

1 47. (New). The device of claim 1 wherein the length of each of the plurality of rectangular  
2 strips is about 12 inches long and the width of each of the plurality of rectangular strips is about  
3 2 inches wide.

- 1 48. (New). The device of claim 47 further comprising a gap between each of the plurality of
- 2 rectangular strips of about one quarter of an inch.